

# 1 Chronicles 11:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And said, My God forbid it me, that I should do this thing:  
shall I drink the blood of these men that have put their lives in  
jeopardy? for with the jeopardy of their lives they brought it.  
Therefore he would not drink it. These things did these three  
mightiest.

## Analysis

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**Theological Analysis:** This passage falls within the section on David established as king and mighty men. The Hebrew term בְּרִית (berit) - covenant is theologically significant here, pointing to God's sovereign choice of leadership. The Chronicler's narrative, while paralleling Samuel-Kings in places, offers a distinct theological perspective emphasizing temple worship, Levitical service, and covenant faithfulness.

Chronicles presents David not primarily as warrior-king but as worship organizer and temple planner. This verse contributes to that portrait by highlighting the spiritual dimensions of Israel's national life. The text demonstrates that true prosperity comes through proper worship and covenant obedience rather than merely military or political success.

Doctrinally, this passage teaches about God's sovereign choice of leadership. Cross-references throughout Chronicles connect David's reign to the broader redemptive narrative, showing how God's covenant promises advance through faithful human leadership while ultimately depending on divine grace and power. The messianic implications are profound: David as type of Christ, the Messianic King.

## Historical Context

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**Historical Background:** This section describes events from David's reign (c. 1010-970 BCE) but was written centuries later during the Persian period (c. 450-400 BCE). The Chronicler's selectivity in retelling David's story serves his theological purposes—he omits David's sins (Bathsheba, Absalom's rebellion) while emphasizing David's worship reforms and temple preparations.

The historical setting of David established as king and mighty men occurred during Israel's united monarchy, when the nation reached its territorial and political zenith. Archaeological evidence from this period shows significant building projects and administrative development. However, the Chronicler writes for a much smaller, struggling post-exilic community, using David's golden age to inspire hope for restoration.

Ancient Near Eastern parallels show that temple construction and royal sponsorship of worship were common across cultures. However, Israel's understanding of worship centered on covenant relationship with the one true God rather than manipulation of capricious deities. This theological distinctiveness shapes the Chronicler's presentation.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

## Study Questions

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1. How does this verse's emphasis on God's sovereign choice of leadership challenge or affirm your current spiritual priorities and practices?

2. What does David as type of Christ, the Messianic King teach you about Jesus Christ and His redemptive work?
3. In what practical ways can you apply the principles of covenant faithfulness and proper worship demonstrated in this passage?

## Interlinear Text

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וַיֹּאמֶר	חָלַלָהּ	לִי	מֵאֲלֹהֵי	עָשׂוּ	זֶה	הַדָּם
And said	forbid	H0	My God	it These things did	this thing	the blood
H559	H2486		H430	H6213	H2063	H1818
הָאֲנָשִׁים	הָיָה	לְשָׁתוֹתָם	בְּנִפְשׁוֹתָם	כִּי		
of these men	H428	not drink	for with the jeopardy of their lives	H3588		
H582		H8354	H5315			
בְּנִפְשׁוֹתָם		וַיָּבִיאוּ	וְלֹא	אָבָה		
for with the jeopardy of their lives		they brought	H3808	it Therefore he would		
H5315		H935		H14		
לְשָׁתוֹתָם	אֵלֶּה	עָשׂוּ	שְׁלֹשָׁה	הַגִּבּוֹרִים:		
not drink	H428	it These things did	these three	mightiest		
H8354		H6213	H7969	H1368		

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 72:14** (Blood): He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence: and precious shall their blood be in his sight.

**2 Samuel 23:17** (Blood): And he said, Be it far from me, O LORD, that I should do this: is not this the blood of the men that went in jeopardy of their lives? therefore he would not drink it. These things did these three mighty men.